Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not in a position to say any definite number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are the Government aware that Typhoid is on the increase in our State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government is taking any precautionary measures to check its growth?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—This is a matter concerning the Health Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am asking the Government, not to any particular department.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Health Department has been constructing good water supplying wells and so on, so that people may not use water from contaminated parts. That is one of the activities.

Appointment of a Special Judge in the Chief Court.

278. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) which are (i) the Full Bench cases,

(ii) the Division Bench cases to be tried by the Special Judge whose appointment is notified in the Gazette, dated 30th Mithunam 1109;

(b) the gentlemen who were offered the place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) (i) A. S. 146/07
A. S. 39/08
A. S. 18/09
A. S. 19/09
(ii) A. S. 137/08
S. A. 6/09
A. S. 63/09

(b) The post was offered only to one person, viz., Mr. T. A. Sesha Ayyar, Advocate, Calicut.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this offer to Mr. T. A. Sesha Ayyar, Advocate, Calicut was made at the suggestion of the Hon'ble Chief Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret it is not fair to disclose the correspondence that might have passed between the Government and the departmental heads on this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the names of any member of the bar was suggested for this place by the Chief Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It amounts to the same thing. I regret I cannot answer such questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With your leave, Sir, may I club question Nos. 278 and 279?

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President.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the name No 19 appearing in Appendix VI, Mr. C. A. Kunhunni Raja is not the present Sirkar Vakil of Trichur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And No. 3 in the same list, Mr. A. Sankara Poduval, is the same Hon'ble Member who is sitting in this House?

Rama Varmah Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that Mr. Sesha Ayyar is a member of the Cochin Bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is he not one of the leaders of the Calicut Bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is he not a Cochinite?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it offered to him or did he apply?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was offered to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On the initiative of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether it was as a result of want of confidence either in the Trichur Bar or Ernakulam Bar that this offer was made to an Advocate of Calicut?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government made that offer because they thought that he will be the most suitable man.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In making this offer did the Government think that there was no competent person here to occupy that place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government thought that it would be best to have the person that they have got now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the merits of each and every man in the list considered before making this offer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

279. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) the Judcial Officers;

(ii) Retired Chief Court Judges;

(iii) Chief Court Vakils who were in any way connected with the case mentioned in (i) and (ii) of sub-division (a) of the previous question No. 278 above;

(b) the names of vakils of the Chief Court practising either at Ernakulam or Trichur with over 15 years' standing at the Bar not connected with the case above mentioned?

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